

EXHIBIT B

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Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail

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Re: *In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation*, No. 14-cv-3264-JD

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs (“DPPs”) and Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs (“IPPs”) (together, “Plaintiffs” or “we”) write in response to Jeffrey Kessler’s letter dated March 31, 2015 re FTAIA issues.

Plaintiffs are happy to proceed with an informal dialogue. We agree that the parties have a mutual interest in coming up with an efficient and fair process for complying with the Court’s FTAIA schedule. We are eager to advance one.

Nonetheless, such a dialogue is no substitute for the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the procedures set forth in them, including Rules 26, 30, 33, 34 and 56. Along those lines, we have propounded formal discovery. Having had a chance to review Defendants’ responses, they are in large part evasive and insufficient. We will proceed to meet and confer on our discovery requests to obtain the information to which we are entitled. We request that you identify a person or persons authorized to speak for the defendants as a group with whom we can promptly meet and confer.

DPPs have directed you to the class definition in their Complaint, which by narrowly defining the entities on whose behalf the DPPs are seeking to litigate, necessarily limits the scope of the claims implicated by the FTAIA that the DPPs intend to pursue. *See Consolidated Amended Complaint ¶ 111.* As you know, the DPPs are seeking to represent a class narrowly defined as follows:

All persons in the United States that purchased Capacitors (including through controlled subsidiaries, agents, affiliates or joint-ventures) directly from any of the Defendants, their subsidiaries, agents, affiliates or joint ventures from January, 1, 2003 through the present (the “Class Period”).

Of course, discovery is far from complete. This definition implicitly describes the scope of our claims at this juncture. The DPPs think this is straightforward. By way of further clarification, the DPPs intend to seek relief on behalf of those that purchased in the U.S., in “import” commerce, in “export” commerce, and for the purchases that resulted from conduct that had a “direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effect...” on the relevant commerce. *See 15 U.S.C § 6(a).*

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The DPPs recognize that your letter of March 31 sets out a variety of hypothetical “categories of commerce” that could potentially be implicated by the FTAIA. It is unclear, however, which of those twenty-two categories you believe the DPPs are explicitly or implicitly invoking through their Complaint and Class Definition. The DPPs, therefore, ask Defendants to let the DPPs know which of those categories they believe the DPPs are seeking to invoke and, for each, whether you contend that it would give rise to a dispute under the FTAIA.

We are confused by the 22 categories you identify and other matters you raise in your letter of March 31, 2015,. Generally, we suggest that you avail yourself of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to obtain the information you seek. Specifically, we are curious about whether you intend to move for summary judgment should you come to understand that any of the Plaintiffs are seeking to go forward on any of these categories of commerce. Moreover, as discussed in more detail below, given that your clients are in possession of the information necessary to understand which of these categories of commerce are implicated by the distribution channels in the industry in question, we ask that you immediately clarify (a) whether there is Capacitor commerce that falls into these categories, by category, and (b) approximately how much commerce falls into each category in units and dollars. Among other things, this information will shed light on the extent to which such transactions have “direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effect.”

Further, and more specifically, Plaintiffs would like you to define the potential categories of FTAIA commerce with more particularity. For example, if you are concerned about “import trade or import commerce,”¹ we would like to determine what, in Defendants’ view, such commerce includes and how it is defined. Is it determined based on location of delivery, location of the company that has legal title, location of the company that paid for the goods at issue, or in some other way? We can’t tell if the 22 categories in your letter are intended to shed light on these issues.

One of the chief problems with your letter is that the information we believe is required to address these issues remains largely in the hands of Defendants. In particular, we have asked Defendants to provide records of Defendants’ commerce through their sales records (“transactional data”) and to provide other relevant information. Defendants have largely objected to, and otherwise resisted, this discovery. At this point, there is a significant information disparity and asymmetry between Defendants and Plaintiffs regarding the nature and extent of the commerce at issue in this case. We note that virtually all of the information necessary to answer your 22 questions would be included within the scope of complete responses to our discovery requests. Without such information, Plaintiffs do not agree to limit the scope of the relief or the amount of damages they seek. Plaintiffs first would like a clear definition and understanding of the scope of commerce to which any proposed limitations would apply. For example, Defendants should reasonably know:

- The worldwide volume of capacitor commerce;
- Sales channels of capacitor commerce;

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 6(a) (1988)

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- The nature of sales channel commerce (e.g., location of purchaser, location of delivery, transfer of title, risk of loss); and
- Capacitors (by type, customer, transaction) that directly and foreseeably reach the United States.

Plaintiffs received Defendants' responses to the FTAIA discovery on March 30. Not a single Defendant substantively responded in full to this discovery. Responses included outright refusals to respond based on objections; statements that responses will be given at "the appropriate time" or "upon a reasonable search" without identifying when that would be; disclaimers of any knowledge at all; and reference to transactional data relied upon in these responses as a substitute for meaningful discovery responses (even though transactional data have not yet been produced). By way of example, we have received numerous variations of the following formulaic response to the Request for Admission: some capacitors are sold directly into the United States, but the Defendant doesn't know what transactions conducted outside the United States may have a direct, substantial and reasonably foreseeable effect on United States commerce. This is evasive and incomplete and deprives the Plaintiffs of the information to which they are entitled, and which would be useful in answering the questions you raise.

Plaintiffs are amenable to continue working with Defendants informally to determine what portion of Defendants' overall capacitor-related commerce should be at issue in this action and ultimately subject to the relief sought in light of the FTAIA. We would ask that Defendants provide complete and candid amended responses to Plaintiffs' February 25 FTAIA discovery by April 28, 2015. This should provide the predicate for future discussions.

With regard to the designation of expert witnesses for the upcoming FTAIA briefing, Plaintiffs have insufficient information available to take that step at this time given the paucity of information in Defendants' responses to Plaintiffs' FTAIA discovery. Indeed, almost no transactional data have been produced. We would be open to revisiting the issue once Defendants amend their discovery responses and once the parties' informal talks resume.

Very truly yours,



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